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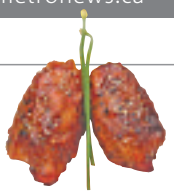

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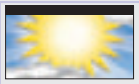

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Transit plan now on track

Regional strategy set, task now is to find cash for it

By **TIM WIECLAWSKI**
Metro Ottawa

A slightly plumped up "Option Four" stayed on the rails yesterday, with city council rolling out conditional rail lines farther east and south to finalize Ottawa's new regional transit plan.

Extended light rail lines to Barrhaven and Place d'Orleans are the new components of a plan approved by a 19-4 vote yesterday, but otherwise it remains the same long-range transit strategy approved by a committee earlier this month.

Mayor Larry O'Brien said the completed system will trim a quarter hour off the average transit commuter's ride and provide an economic boost for Ottawa. The first phase of the plan is projected to cost $4 billion.

The priority for the plan will be to build light rail from Baseline Station following the Transitway, through a downtown tunnel, and west to Blair Road. The plan also calls to twin the O-Train line and extend it to Riverside South, before building tracks outside the Greenbelt.

The key downtown tunnel will not be complete for a decade, according to Ottawa's head of transit planning, Vivi Chi, and conversion of the Transitway will likely not begin until after the tunnel is complete.

The city's near-term dependence on buses was a sticking point for Capital ward Coun. Clive Doucet, who was one of four to vote against the plan.

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> Capital ward Coun. Clive Doucet

"I'm convinced that people in Ottawa will see no sign of a train for eight to 10 years, but there will be lots more buses."

Coun. Rick Chiarelli (College ward) also voted against it because he could not see any evidence showing the city could pay for such a plan. But Coun. Diane Holmes (Somerset) said people should look beyond the cost because, at this stage in the planning, the numbers are uncertain.

"If the numbers do come in higher than projected, like they did with the previous plan, it just means it will take us longer to build it," she said. "There is no way to know anything for certain before the environmental assessments in the fall."

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An outside chance?

As a federally licensed medicinal marijuana user, it's legal for Ottawa's Russell Barth to smoke any place where people can also use tobacco. Yet provincial regulations ban him from smoking on bar and restaurant patios alongside tobacco users. Barth has asked the Ontario Human Rights Commission to investigate, saying the rights of people with disabilities are being violated. **Story, page 3.**

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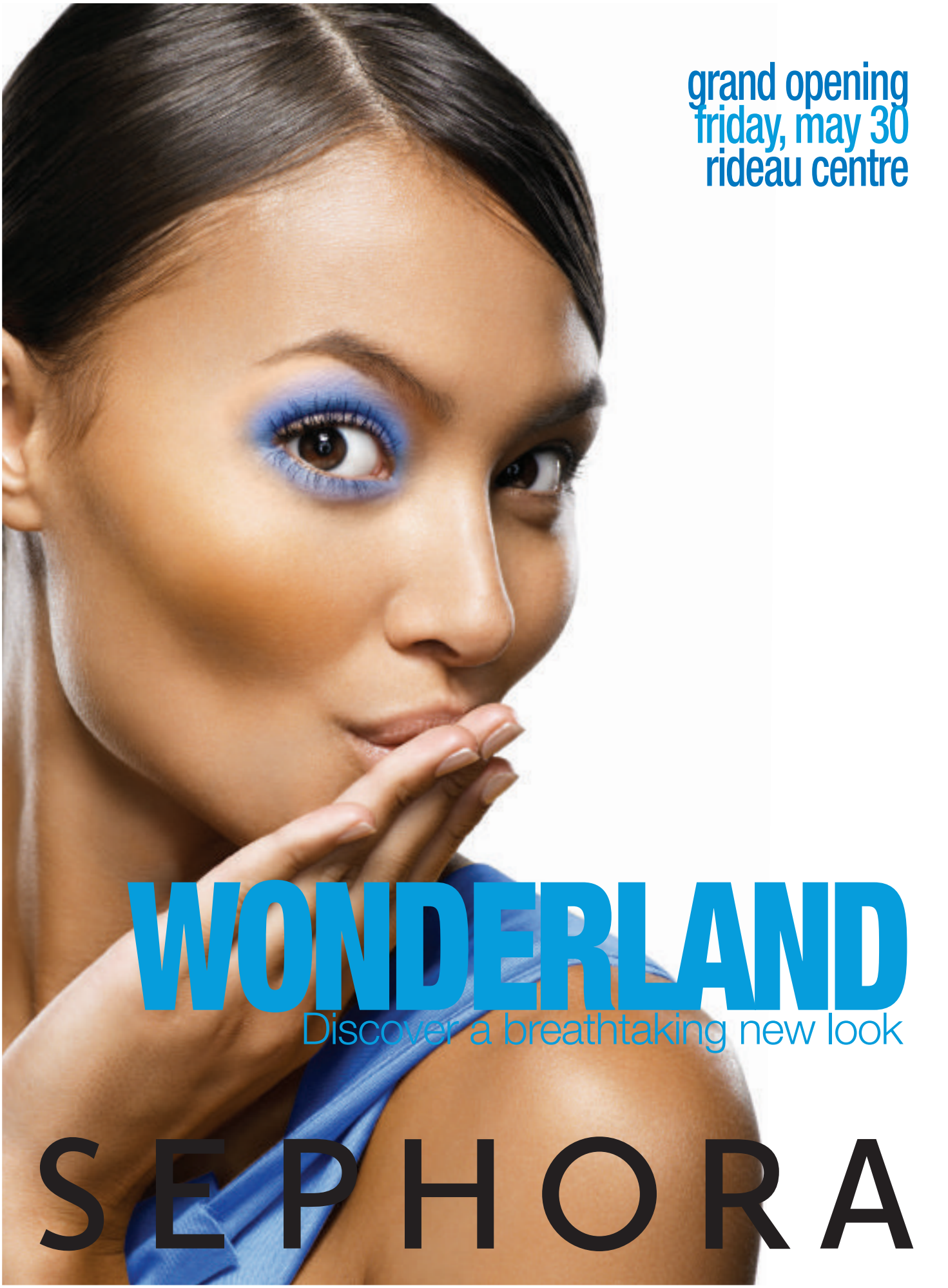
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City police, along with bylaw and transit special constables, plan a "zero tolerance" enforcement blitz this weekend to address residents' complaints of "inappropriate behaviour" in the downtown core and Vanier. Officers will be focusing on street-level liquor, drug and nuisance noise infractions. OTTAWA POLICE

Patio pot ban draws rights complaint

Legal marijuana user sends issue to OHR commission

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

Banning medicinal marijuana users from smoking on outdoor patios violates human rights, says a city man who has lodged a complaint against the province.

Russell Barth's complaint this week to the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) alleges that Ontario Liquor Licence Act regulations, which prohibit consumption of controlled substances in licensed areas, infringe on people federally licensed to smoke marijuana to ease ailments.

The complaint comes after Barth, who suffers from fibromyalgia and other disorders, was prevented from smoking outside a city comedy club on May 7.

> *« It's hard enough being disabled and poor and weak without being treated like this. »*
>
> *Medicinal marijuana user Russell Barth*

"Provincially, there is no provision for people who use medicinal marijuana," said the 39-year-old amateur comedian, who has held a medicinal marijuana licence since 2002. "So this puts every club owner and the staff in a conundrum. If they allow me to use it, they're in violation of the ... act and if they don't, they're violating my human rights to use medicine.

"We're not asking for special rights. We're just asking for the right to use cannabis where other people use tobacco."

Barth doesn't blame the bar owners, but he wants amendments to legislation because federal regulations allow holders to use medicinal marijuana wherever tobacco can be used.

OHRC spokeswoman Afroze Edwards said she could not speak directly about the complaint, but said generally, "People who do take marijuana for medicinal purposes have a legal right to do it.

"They have the right to take their medicine, if it requires smoking marijuana in the same place where other people smoke cigarettes."

Barth said the provincial restrictions makes him and his wife, Christine Lowe, who has epilepsy and also uses medicinal marijuana, feel like "second-class" citizens.

"It's hard enough being disabled and poor and weak without being treated like this," he said.

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Brazen thefts of bronze

NCC monuments targeted for their info plaques

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

Some monument-admiring tourists may have no idea what they're looking at this summer after the recent thefts of descriptive bronze plaques from several city landmarks.

City police are investigating the theft and damage of National Capital Commission property, including seven stolen bronze plaques and three incidents of graffiti. The thefts, which began with a medallion from the Mackenzie-Papineau Monument in January, mystify NCC staff.

"At this point, we don't have any idea," said Janet McGowan, co-ordinator of commendation and public art programs.

Six of the commemorative signs measure two feet by one, while the seventh is an interpretive panel describing the Wilderness Highway that measures two-by-three feet.

plaque info?

» Anyone with information can call police at 613-236-1222, ext. 5677.

It's possible the plaques were targeted because they are metal, said Ottawa Police Const. Jean Paul Vincelette.

"We can't confirm it, but a lot of the stuff is metal and it's worth a lot of money right now," he said.

Or could it be a rogue collector? McGowan can't say. "There's no vein that links the monuments," she said. "They all have very different styles and subjects."

Other bronze items have been taken from the Building for a New Canada panel, Sappers' Bridge plaque, Champlain statue, Boundary Marker, Ansishinabe Scout and Canal Stones. Several thefts were this month.

Three NCC sculptures in Portageurs Park and Brébeuf Park were also vandalized with graffiti.

The plaques, valued at $25,000, will likely not be replaced until after Canada Day.

"We're evaluating different materials and looking at better options to better secure the bronze plaques that we still have," said McGowan.

"I don't see them replaced before the tourist season."

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'Wastewatergate' sparks firing, probe

By **TIM WIECLAWSKI**
Metro Ottawa

The supervisor accused of misleading the city about reporting a massive sewage spill in August 2006 was fired yesterday, on the same day that council approved an auditor's probe into the incident.

A memo to councillors yesterday from deputy city manager Richard Hewitt confirmed the employee had been fired less than 24 hours after city manager Kent Kirkpatrick suspended him without pay. City auditor Alain Lalonde will now investigate how the municipality was kept in the dark about the incident.

"We want to know who knew what when and why they didn't tell anyone else," Cumberland ward Coun. Rob Jellett said. "This has put us in the difficult position of doubting the information we get from city staff."

A sewage gate malfunctioned on Aug. 1, 2006, spewing more than a billion litres of raw sewage into the Ottawa River before it was noticed on Aug. 15. Petrie Island, downriver of the spill, was closed 45 days that year due to elevated bacteria levels.

The supervisor claimed to have reported the situation immediately to the Environment Ministry. But it was discovered Tuesday that the province did not learn of the spill until May 2007.

Lalonde said he would begin his investigation quickly, though he warned the two-year time frame may pose difficulties in terms of retrieving e-mail correspondence and interviewing people who may no longer work for the city. On Tuesday, the Ministry of Environment announced its own investigation — one that could result in charges against the city.

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Kids' fest **Hold for laughs**

JAMES MACLENNAN/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Aliyah Douglas, 4, hangs on tight yesterday during a performance of Circo Comedia at the Ottawa International Children's Festival, ongoing at LeBreton Flats Park this week. The five-day festival of theatre, dance, arts and music is geared toward kids between the ages of four and 15.

»news In Brief

» **ATTACK** A 14-year-old girl was sexually assaulted on a west-end bike path late last week, police reported yesterday. The incident at 3 p.m. on May 23 happened on a bike path in the area of 250 Greenbank Rd. when a man grabbed the girl from behind, threw her to the ground and fondled her. The male then fled. The victim did not suffer any injuries. The incident was not reported to police until May 27. The suspect is described as a white male, 20-30 years old, five-foot-nine with a muscular build and blond hair with brown roots. He was unshaven. Anyone with information can contact the Ottawa Police Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 5944.
METRO OTTAWA

City spikes Winnipeg to score v-ball team

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

Gatineau has laid down the kill shot in a competition to land the national men's volleyball team's training centre.

After a yearlong application process, Volleyball Canada announced yesterday its national training centre will move from Winnipeg to Gatineau once the city's new sports centre opens.

"This high-calibre team will give Gatineau the opportunity to make its mark on the national and international stages," Mayor Marc Bureau said.

date

» The men's team and Volleyball Canada offices will relocate to Gatineau in 2009. The women's team remains in Winnipeg.

Gatineau will invest $100,000 annually for four years to look after the team, said Bureau. In return, the city stands to reap new tourism dollars. Traditionally, the team's host city generates significant economic and tourism revenue, said executive director for Volleyball Canada John-Paul Cody-Cox.

Cody-Cox said a planned new state-of-the-art "national calibre" facility and a local supply of knowledgeable support staff for the centre gave Gatineau the edge.

canada

Global warming could reduce ice cover, increasing evaporation rates and dropping water levels in the Great Lakes and pose added pollution threats to the region's ecosystem, environmental groups said in a report yesterday. REUTERS

Five found dead in Calgary home

Police shaken by scene, one-year-old girl only survivor

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Five people including two children were found dead in a northwest Calgary home yesterday, the victims of what cops called a domestic homicide that left the Dalhousie community heartbroken and police searching for answers.

Calgary police were called to the home around 10 a.m. yesterday after a family member came to pick up one of the children for school and noticed something wasn't right.

EMS were "horrified" when they entered the house and found three dead adults — one male and two females — and two dead female children, aged 4 and 6, and a one-year-old unharmed female survivor, who was turned over to protective services.

trauma

» The five street patrol officers who were the first on the scene were so upset that they sought counselling almost immediately.

"We go to calls everyday where people have died, but when children are involved, it's that much more challenging," said Calgary EMS's Paul Lapointe. "This is a pretty rare event."

Police confirmed neighbour assertions that a female renter lived with the family, who moved into the sleepy suburban neighbourhood about three years ago, but wouldn't reveal what ultimately led to the deaths, not believed to be random, as they are still investigating.

"These are hugely traumatic incidents, they're organizationally traumatic, they're traumatic for the community, we know the impact that exists," said Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Investigators combed the scene where the grisly discovery of five bodies in a Calgary home shook the quiet community.

Montreal **38 arrests**

CHRISTINNE MUSCHI/REUTERS

Montreal police officers arrest a woman yesterday in connection with street gang activities and drug distribution during an early morning operation which included 34 raids leading to 38 arrests in the Montreal area.

Tories met with CSIS about Bernier: Grits

Officials from the Prime Minister's Office and CSIS agents met this month to discuss Maxime Bernier's controversial relationship with a woman known to have ties with biker gangs, Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh charged yesterday.

The meeting was held between May 1 and 8, according to Dosanjh. May 8 was the day the first news reports appeared detailing Julie Couillard's past romantic links to prominent members of Quebec biker gangs.

no comment

» During question period in the House of Commons yesterday, Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day refused to confirm or deny whether the meeting with CSIS agents took place.

Bernier resigned from cabinet Monday just hours before Couillard told a television interviewer that Bernier left the secret documents related to a recent NATO meeting at her home in mid-April.

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Ottawa gets screening of 'offensive' film

As Canadian politicians debate a proposal to deny taxpayer support for "offensive" homegrown films or TV shows, a film distributor will give them the opportunity to watch a provocatively titled movie.

Maple Pictures plans a test screening in Ottawa today for the romantic comedy Young People F---ing, which was made with government money. Despite its graphic title, the film has no onscreen sex or nudity. Martin Gero's feature is set to open June 13.

gross impresses

» Actor Paul Gross enthralled a group of veteran politicians yesterday as he spoke passionately about Bill C-10. "If you take away a man's tongue, that man cannot speak," Gross said before the Senate committee.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The distributor said it aims to make the film available to government officials who might "influence" the passage of Bill C-10 through the Senate. The government says the bill would ensure that public funds "are not invested in certain types of material, such as hate propaganda, excessively violent material, or pornography." But filmmakers consider it censorship.

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parliament hill

Cabinet shuffle to be small: Source

TORIES Prime Minister Stephen Harper will shuffle his cabinet in coming weeks, but will limit the moves to what is necessary to replace the foreign minister, a source close to Harper said yesterday.

The cabinet shuffle was prompted by Maxime Bernier's resignation. REUTERS

UN to settle Arctic claims

Five Arctic coastal nations agreed yesterday to let the UN rule on conflicting territorial claims on the region's seabed, which may hold up to one-fourth of the world's undiscovered hydrocarbon reserves.

"We affirmed our commitment to the orderly settlement of any possible overlapping claims," U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte told a news conference.

Canada — represented by Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn — Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States met in Greenland to discuss sovereignty over the Arctic Ocean seabed.

The countries, most major oil exporters, agreed to settle territorial claims until a U.N. body could make a ruling.

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» **HEALTH** Ontario Health Minister George Smitherman said yesterday that all provincial hospitals will have to start reporting rates of C.difficile — a bacterium that attacks the intestines causing severe diarrhea even death in elderly patients — on a public website by the end of September. At the end of this year, hospitals will also have to report on two more potentially deadly infections — Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus and Vancomycin-resistant Enterococci.

» **LEAK** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion said yesterday federal Conservatives appear to be involved in a coverup of a deliberate government leak orchestrated to embarrass Democratic presidential frontrunner Barack Obama. Dion pointed to information uncovered by Torstar News Service suggesting the Prime Minister's Office leaked information to a Republican operative for distribution. "It is an allegation that is very serious... There is something there," Dion told reporters.

» **TOBACCO** Canada's largest tobacco company has abruptly cancelled a plan that critics fear would have skirted Ontario's new ban on in-store cigarette displays, taking effect Saturday. Under the promotion scrapped in the last few days, Imperial Tobacco told retailers they could make "hundreds of dollars" extra by putting third-party ads on flaps covering cigarette shelves from public view. The Montreal-based company had offered to install the flaps for free in exchange for guaranteed shelf space for its brands.

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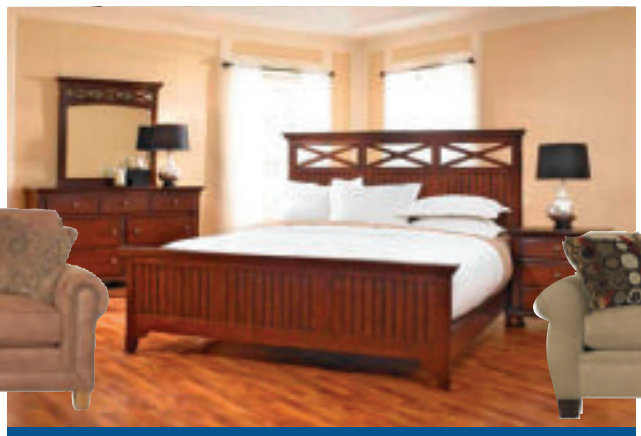

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A Malawian court ruled yesterday that Madonna could adopt a baby boy she met in an orphanage in the impoverished southern African nation, a lawyer for the U.S. pop star said. Madonna's adoption of David Banda has been controversial. REUTERS

'Ogre' sentenced to life

French serial killer, wife, found guilty in grisly murders

YVES HERMAN/REUTERS

Self-confessed French serial killer Michel Fourniret arrives at a jail at the end of his trial in Charleville-Mezieres yesterday.

Self-confessed killer and rapist Michel Fourniret and his wife Monique Olivier were sentenced to life in prison yesterday in one of France's grimmest serial murder cases.

The couple showed no reaction after Fourniret, dubbed the "Ogre of the Ardennes" by the media, was found guilty in a packed courtroom of killing seven women and girls aged between 12 and 22 after raping or attempting to rape them.

Some victims were first drugged and bound. Fourniret, who has admitted a fascination for virgins, was arrested in 2003 after a 13-year-old girl escaped from his van and called the police.

The crimes were committed over 14 years from 1987, mostly in the wooded Ardennes region of northern France and in Belgium.

The case helped lead to a shake-up of the way French police investigate serial murders, including the improvement of co-ordination between different authorities.

Fourniret, 66, will be able to seek a reduced sentence only after serving 30 years in jail. Given his age, he is unlikely to ever walk free.

Olivier, 59, must spend at least 28 years in jail for the part she played in some of the murders and a rape, said the court in northern France.

Described by the chief prosecutor as a "big slimy spider" and "cunning witch" during the trial, Olivier was accused of helping Fourniret select and capture targets and hiding their bodies.

Psychologists who examined the couple have said they were not insane and were slightly above average in intelligence. The specialists concluded that the self-obsessed, authoritative Fourniret took a sadistic pleasure in rape and murder.

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Torrential rain kills 50 in China

4,000 people also left stranded, state media said

Torrential rain in southern and eastern China has killed at least 50 people in the past week and left 4,000 stranded, state media said yesterday, a fortnight after a big earthquake rattled Sichuan province.

The poor and remote southwestern province of Guizhou has been hardest hit, with 36 dead and another 14 missing, the official Xinhua news agency said.

"Tents, quilts and clothes have been sent to Wangmo County in Guizhou, which has been severely hit by rain and floods," it added.

Hunan, Hubei and Guangxi provinces have also been affected, and hundreds of buildings have been buried by landslides and roads cut-off, Xinhua said.

The China Meteorological Administration warned that more rain is expected in eastern and southern China over the next three days, it added.

"The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters issued a warning urging provinces to keep a close watch on the changing weather and act to avert possible danger," Xinhua said.

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draining lakes

» The floods occurred as authorities frantically try to drain hundreds of endangered reservoirs and dozens of lakes formed by landslides triggered by the severe earthquake which hit southwest Sichuan province on May 12.

China **Quake lake**

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A soldier points as a helicopter arrives to transport heavy machinery to the Tangjiashan quake lake, in the earthquake-hit area of Leigu town in Beichuan county, Sichuan province yesterday.

Victims in group graves

Myanmar's military has started to bury cyclone victims in communal graves, villagers said yesterday, as Western nations pledged to keep aid flowing despite anger at its detention of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The former Burma has been promised millions of dollars in Western help since Cyclone Nargis, but this cut no ice with the junta regarding the Nobel laureate, who has been under house arrest or in prison for nearly 13 of the last 18 years. Officials drove to Suu Kyi's Yangon home Tuesday to read out an extension order, but it was unclear whether the extension was for six months or a year. REUTERS

Bush shaded Iraq truth: Ex-official

Former White House press secretary Scott McClellan charges in an explosive new book that U.S. President George W. Bush used propaganda to sell the Iraq war, prompting angry rebukes from current and former Bush aides.

"In the permanent campaign era, it was all about manipulating sources of public opinion to the president's advantage," wrote McClellan, the first Bush insider to write a book criticizing his former boss and fellow Texan.

It was a dramatic break from the close-knit Bush inner circle by the mild-mannered, 40-year-old McClellan and it drew instant condemnations yesterday from former White House colleagues who wondered why he stayed in the job.

"If he thinks he's going to ingratiate himself to his critics, he's sorely mistaken, and unfortunately, the only friends he had, he just lost," said Dan Bartlett, who served as White House counsellor.

McClellan, in What Happened — Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception, presents himself as a one-time true Bush believer who mistakenly fell in line behind "the campaign to sell the war" in Iraq.

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criticism

» McClellan called Bush "a man of personal charm, wit, and enormous political skill," and "plenty smart enough to be president," while sprinkling criticism of him throughout the 341-page book.

»news In Brief

» **AFRICA** South Africa's government said yesterday it was offering shelter to tens of thousands of African migrants who fled their homes during a wave of xenophobic attacks but denied it was setting up camps.

» **DARFUR** The three major U.S. presidential candidates issued a rare joint statement yesterday condemning atrocities against civilians in Sudan and demanding an end to the violence.

» **AID** U.S. warships will soon leave waters near Myanmar if the junta does not allow the American military to deliver food, water and other aid to cyclone survivors, a U.S. commander said yesterday.

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French taxi drivers yesterday agreed to a government deal that will raise the number of taxis in Paris but falls short of deregulation proposals they resisted in protests that disrupted the capital in February. REUTERS

Nepal abolishes monarchy

239-year reign of Hindu kings coming to an end

Nepal's political parties voted yesterday to abolish the Himalayan kingdom's 239-year-old Hindu monarchy, a key demand of Maoists after they ended a decade-long war against the government.

Delegates at a special assembly voted 560 to four in favour of abolishing the monarchy. Hours before, suspected royalists threw three small, homemade bombs in Nepal's capital, wounding one person.

The government has told unpopular King Gyanendra to vacate his pink pagoda-roofed palace in the capital Kathmandu within a fortnight, or be forced out. He has made few comments on his future plans, except to say he wanted to remain in Nepal.

On hearing the result of the vote, thousands of people danced in the streets of Kathmandu, many waving different party flags and chanting "Welcome to a republic".The government declared the next two days a public holiday.

"Today is the day when my dreams have been realized and similarly the dreams of the nation have perhaps also been realized," Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala said in an address to the assembly.

Activists of the royalist militant group Ranabir Sena threw pamphlets at the site of one of Wednesday's blasts, demanding that Nepal remain a Hindu kingdom, police said. REUTERS

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Parliamentarians congratulate each other after voting for republic at the Constituent Assembly in Kathmandu yesterday.

Germany boosts biodiversity plan

Pledges millions to save forests

« We need a turning point on the issue of biodiversity. »

German Chancellor Angela Merkel

Germany has pledged 500 million euros ($774 million) by 2012 to help protect the world's forests, a move activists said could give impetus to UN talks on preserving the earth's biodiversity.

Chancellor Angela Merkel, who won praise from environmentalists last year for her part in pushing through EU and G8 deals to fight climate change, made the commitment at a UN conference as it entered its decisive phase.

"We need a turning point on the issue of biodiversity," Merkel told delegates from 191 states participating in the 12-day conference which ends tomorrow.

UN studies say the planet is facing the most serious spate of extinctions since dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. Human activity, including greenhouse gas emissions, are largely to blame, say the experts.

Politicians have started to take biodiversity more seriously because of a surge in food prices which has been linked to booming demand in fast-growing economies, including China, and the growing use of crops to provide fuel. REUTERS

middle east

Iraq may ask for debt relief

RECONSTRUCTION Baghdad may seek debt relief from Arab countries at an international conference today to discuss progress on a plan for Iraq's reconstruction. REUTERS

U.S. states sue EPA over ozone

Claim standards violate Clean Air Act

New York and 13 other states are suing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency claiming it violated the Clean Air Act in revising ozone pollution standards in March, the New York attorney general said yesterday.

"The EPA is charged with protecting the environment, yet the Bush administration has repeatedly used it as a tool for facilitating pollution instead of combating it," New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said in a release.

In March, the EPA revised standards for ozone pollution, a prime component of smog that can trigger asthma and other breathing problems, particularly for the young and old.

The EPA did not immediately return phone calls about the suit. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **TOILET** Astronauts aboard the NASA space shuttle Discovery will be carrying an extra piece of cargo when they launch on Saturday — a new toilet pump. Crew members aboard the International Space Station have been fumbling with plastic bags since their zero-gravity toilet stopped working properly last week.

» **STEM CELLS** Brazil's Supreme Court started voting yesterday on whether to uphold legislation that allows research on embryonic stem cells in the world's largest Roman Catholic country. REUTERS

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A wax figure of actress and singer Marlene Dietrich is pictured at the site of Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in Berlin yesterday. The new museum will open in July.

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Biofuels get green light

Gas to contain 5% ethanol by 2010

Government legislation that will require all gasoline sold in Canada to contain 5 per cent ethanol by 2010 passed the House of Commons yesterday.

The bill, which also calls for diesel to contain 2 per cent renewable fuels by 2012, won the support of the Opposition Liberal party. Opposition was voiced by other parties over concern about food-crop production being diverted to fuel.

The Conservatives and Liberals argued that only a small portion of food crops such as corn will be used to make the biofuel.

The legislation must now be approved by the Senate.

The bill would create demand for an estimated 2 billion litres of ethanol and 600 million litres of biodiesel. REUTERS

Fashion **Luxury wear**

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A mannequin is displayed in a window of Burberry's yesterday in central London. British fashion brand Burberry Group Plc. reported a 14 per cent rise in annual profit, helped by strong sales of its luxury handbags and trench coats. The company declined to comment on talk it could be a takeover target.

banks

TD Bank reports 3% dip in profit

EARNINGS Toronto-Dominion Bank said yesterday its second-quarter profit fell 3 per cent, hit by a tough environment in wholesale banking and restructuring charges for its recent U.S. acquisition, Commerce Bancorp. Canada's second-largest bank by market value said its wholesale banking profit fell 57 per cent to $93 million. REUTERS

statistics

Canada's travel deficit falls

REPORT Canada's international travel deficit — the difference between spending by Canadian residents abroad and spending by foreigners in this country — fell to about $3.1 billion in the first quarter, down $295 million from the record high set in the fourth quarter of last year, Statistics Canada reported. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

»news In Brief

» **APPEAL** BCE Inc. made its formal argument before the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday to hear an appeal of a lower court decision that could kill its planned buyout, saying it was imperative to clarify rules governing corporate boards.

» **EXCHANGE** TSX Group, which operates the Toronto Stock Exchange, said yesterday its board may need more time to decide on a new chief executive, following a report it is close to hiring former Chicago Board of Trade head Bernard Dan.

» **OPEC** Indonesia will quit the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) because as a net oil importer it is not happy with high global crude prices, its energy minister said yesterday. REUTERS

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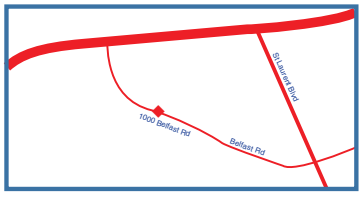

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The Dallas Stars signed defenceman Trevor Daley, left, to a three-year contract extension worth $6.9 million US yesterday. Daley, 24, appeared in all 82 games this past season, scoring five goals and 24 points. REUTERS

Sid gets Pens back in final

Crosby pots pair as Pittsburgh pares series deficit to 2-1

PENGUINS 3 WINGS 2

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Penguins captain Sidney Crosby celebrates a first-period goal as he flies past Detroit Red Wings goaltender Chris Osgood last night during Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final in Pittsburgh. Crosby's goal broke the Pens' Cup final futility streak without scoring at just under seven periods.

He's not yet old enough to drink champagne from the Stanley Cup in these parts but leave it to Sid The Kid to rekindle the battle for hockey's most cherished trophy.

In a game the Penguins absolutely had to win, in a series in which they'd yet to score a goal, Sidney Crosby scored twice to lead Pittsburgh to a 3-2 victory over Detroit in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup final.

The Wings still lead the series 2-1 but, at least, it's a series again.

Coming into the game, Crosby has struggled noticeably for open ice and could get very little done while constantly facing the checking of the Henrik Zetterberg line and the defensive pair of Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski.

But Crosby never lost confidence.

When asked before last night's game what he would have done differently in the first two contests, Crosby refused to concede that things had gone poorly.

"I wouldn't change a whole lot to be honest," he said. "I feel like I'm moving my feet. It's tight-checking. I want to make sure when I get opportunities I capitalize on my chances and execute well. But I wouldn't change a whole lot."

Turns out he didn't need to. In a game that finally lived up to the billing that this would be an exciting Stanley Cup final — the third period was frenetic and included an incredible save by Marc-Andre Fleury who got the tip of his stick on a Thomas Holmstrom shot while reaching across an open net — Crosby shone brightest with the first goals.

Adam Hall, banking a shot from behind the net off Chris Osgood, made it 3-1 in the third. But Mikael Samuelsson made it 3-2 with just over six minutes remaining to set up a nail-biting finish.

But Pittsburgh held on and the win gives the Penguins a perfect 9-0 record on home ice during the playoffs. It was the team's 17 consecutive victory at Mellon Arena.

"I think it's just a certain confidence level," said Crosby, explaining the streak.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sundin ponders life after Leafs

Captain waiting to see team's direction

Mats Sundin has left the door open to playing somewhere other than with the Toronto Maple Leafs next season.

"My dream and the best scenario would be if I ended my career as a Toronto Maple Leaf. That hasn't changed. But I'm not going to say that I'm not going to play anywhere else either because I'm not really in control of that," Sundin said after after collecting the Mark Messier Leadership Award yesterday in Pittsburgh.

Sundin

"It feels like my decision is going to come after there's going to be some other stuff going on with the Toronto Maple Leafs and I'll see what happens there. I'll have to make my decision after that.

"I do think I have a lot of different options I can explore."

He said he wants to have a firm understanding of what is going on with the Leafs' front office before he signs, if he signs, in Toronto.

"I'd like to know what's going to happen in the general manager position, whether Cliff (Fletcher) is going to be in charge this year or is there a new guy going to be coming in. I do think that's going to be important," he said.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

STANLEY CUP FINAL
PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT
Game 3 — Last night
Pittsburgh 3 Detroit 2
Game 4 — Saturday
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 8
*Game 5 — Monday
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 8
(Detroit leads series 2-1)
(* – if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. DETROIT
Game 5 — Last night
Detroit at Boston
Game 6 — Tomorrow
Boston at Detroit, 8:30
(Series tied 2-2)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 4 — Tuesday
L.A. Lakers 93 San Antonio 91
Game 5 — Tonight
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9
(L.A. Lakers lead series 3-1)

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago W. Sox 6 Cleveland 5
Texas at Tampa Bay 5 Texas 3
N.Y. Yankees 4 Baltimore 2
Minnesota 9 Kan. City 8 (10 ings)
Toronto at Oakland
Detroit at L.A. Angels
Boston at Seattle
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 6 Colorado 1
N.Y. Mets 7 Florida 6 (12 ings)
Cincinnati 9 Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 1 Atlanta 0
Cubs 2 L.A. Dodgers (10 ings)
St. Louis 6 Houston 1
San Francisco at Arizona
Washington at San Diego
TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto at Oakland, 3:35
Chicago W. Sox at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Minnesota at Kansas City, 8:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 1:05
Washington at San Diego, 3:35
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10
Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 8:05
Houston at St. Louis, 8:15
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40

BASEBALL

CAN-AM LEAGUE GAMES FEATURING THE OTTAWA RAPIDZ:
YESTERDAY'S RESULT
Atlantic City 6 **OTTAWA** 2
TODAY'S GAME
OTTAWA at New Jersey, 7:05

LOTTERIES

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Ontario Pick 4	8 5 8 1
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Daily Keno	4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 35, 39, 42, 44, 45, 53, 62, 63, 66, 67. Results not official

NHL

Armstrong picks Blues over Leafs

JOBS Doug Armstrong is about to join the St Louis Blues, TSN.ca reports.

Armstrong was expected to meet the Maple Leafs this week to discuss a management position in Toronto, however sources say he has cancelled that meeting and the expectation is that his hire in St Louis, likely as top assistant to GM Larry Pleau, will be announced today.

NBA

Hornets give Scott contract extension

DEALS The New Orleans Hornets agreed with head coach Byron Scott on a contract extension yesterday.

Per team policy, terms of the contract were not revealed, but the New Orleans Times-Picayune reports it's a two-year deal estimated at $6 million US annually.

NBA

Popovich staying put with Spurs

DEALS The San Antonio Spurs have extended the contract of head coach Gregg Popovich through the 2011-12 season.

Popovich is in his 12th year as coach of the Spurs. He has guided San Antonio to four NBA championships, including a title last season and holds a 634-302 regular-season record.

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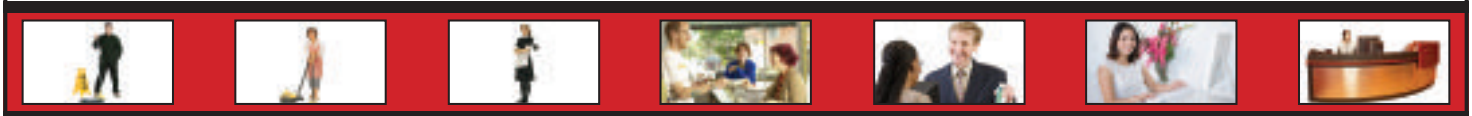

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The CFL's all-time passing leader Damon Allen delivered an emotional farewell speech yesterday as he announced his retirement at a news conference in Toronto.

Allen hangs 'em up

CFL icon retires, but says he might return as a fill-in

Damon Allen finally closed the door on his extraordinary football career.

But he didn't lock it.

While he announced to a packed press conference yesterday in Toronto that he was, in fact, retiring after 23 years in the CFL, he left open the possibility that he might answer the call if a team needed someone to temporarily fill in for its injured quarterback.

"When that time comes my ears will be open," he said following an eloquent, emotional farewell. "That's the kind of situation where I wouldn't be surprised teams would think of me due to the fact I understand the game and I'm someone they wouldn't have to teach a whole new offence.

"But if the situation is not right, I'm going to say no."

The 44-year-old lead four teams to Grey Cup titles in his sure-to-be Hall of Fame career while becoming pro football's all-time passing leader.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sharapova survives scare

Nadal cruises into 2nd round in Paris

FRANCOIS LENOIR/REUTERS

Russia's Maria Sharapova returns the ball to compatriot Evgeniya Rodina during first-round action yesterday at the French Open in Paris. Sharapova committed 17 double faults in the match, but still managed a 6-1, 3-6, 8-6 victory.

Rafael Nadal made light work of his opponent as the sun made a welcome return to the French Open yesterday, but high winds and a grand slam debutante almost blew out top seed Maria Sharapova.

Nadal, the three-time defending champion, barely broke sweat after a tight first set in his rain-interrupted match with Brazilian Thomaz Bellucci.

Held over at 1-1 in the first set after Tuesday's downpours, the Spaniard dashed past the South American qualifier 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

While Nadal breezed through, top-seeded Sharapova was two points away from defeat against fellow Russian Evgeniya Rodina before prevailing 6-1, 3-6, 8-6 in two hours and 28 minutes of windswept, frustrating action.

No women's top seed has bowed out at the first hurdle in Paris since the sport turned professional in 1968, and for a bit it looked like Rodina and the blustery conditions would upend Sharapova, who hit a demoralizing 17 double faults.

"I just hung in there," said Sharapova.

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» **MLB** Sammy Sosa will reportedly retire after the World Baseball Classic in March of 2009, according to the Dominican Republic newspaper Hoy. Sosa, currently a free agent, is planning to play for the Dominican Republic next March before quitting.

» **MLB** The Seattle Mariners traded pitcher Cha Seung Baek to the San Diego Padres in exchange for minor league pitcher Jared Wells yesterday.

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In April, the top social networking site was MySpace, left, and the top blog site was Blogger. Between them they drew 97 million unique visitors, just in the United States. NIELSEN ONLINE

Sorting out the social site stampede

TECH NOW
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I'd like to offer you a primer today on which of the online sites are really striking a chord with users.

We keep hearing about how popular Facebook is, and that Canadians have fallen in love with the social networking site, and that is true. Yet Facebook draws less than half the audience of the site holding down the number one spot, MySpace: 58 million versus 22 million in the month of April. (All figures U.S. market only).

The more interesting figure, however, reveals the fading power of MySpace. Growth year over is just three per cent, while Facebook grew 56 per cent. Facebook has managed to get the media attention and that is helping to drive users to the site, along with a huge variety of third party applications that are very popular with users.

Other sites are out there but their audiences are much smaller. In third spot is Classmates Online, at 14 million visits. In fourth spot was LinkedIn, the business-oriented social site, with eight million visitors; however its annual growth was 361 per cent — far and away the strongest expansion ... perhaps you should consider getting LinkedIn.

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Facebook averages 22 millions users a month in the United States.

Other up-and-comers are *Buzznet.com* and *Imeem.com*, which allows for sharing of music, photos and videos, both with reported increases of about 100 per cent.

As for blogging, once again the leader has a wide margin over number two, though the second-place finisher is rapidly closing the gap. *Wordpress.com* grew 160 per cent and had 16 million visitors vs. Bloggers' 38 million.

Gossip sites seem to be fading. *Tmz.com* dropped 21 per cent while *perezhilton.com* managed to increase its visitor count just 12 per cent to a little over two million in April.

Political blogging is a hot subject, with the U.S. presidential nomination race for the Democrats still ongoing. The Huffington Post is benefiting in a big way, with visits that are up 99 per cent. And that'll likely rise more since the author, a Barack Obama supporter, just recently put up a controversial post that has created a storm in the blogsphere. Arianna Huffington said Republican presidential candidate John McCain told her at a dinner party that he did not vote for George Bush and she says he is not the man many American voters think he is — terrific fodder for an online debate as the U.S. presidential election campaign looms.

A sports blog — *sportsaol.com/fanhouse* — made it to the number five spot, rising out of nowhere in the blogsphere. Engadget, with the latest in gizmos both useful and otherwise, made it 10th spot with more than a million visitors.

PAUL'S WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: *www.blist.com* — an online database manager. It looks a bit like a spreadsheet but it does a lot more. It's a way to share information of all kinds.

» This Sunday one of the stories on TECH NOW will be a look at an Ottawa firm making waves in DNA testing. And don't forget to check our website — *www.ctvottawa.ca*.

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To furnish a guest room in your home, include an alarm clock by the bed, paper and pens, scissors, tape, tissue, and a hair dryer. And, a phone in the room will definitely be much appreciated. HGTV.CA

Powder room calls for dramatic look

Great sinks are the focal point of this small space

We love a lavishly appointed and dramatic powder room, which is a small bathroom that contains only a sink and a toilet.

We simply abhor beige and boring in this space — we think it is a design crime to waste a glorious opportunity to make a bold statement.

And what's more, you are allowed – even encouraged — to decorate in a way that attracts attention. Why on earth wouldn't you grab the opportunity?

This can be a place where you can take your first tentative steps toward uninhibited artistic expression.

Go ahead — consider painting your ceiling lipstick red, install wallpaper featuring large and exuberant blooms, or install a dramatic glass vessel sink — here's the place to take a chance.

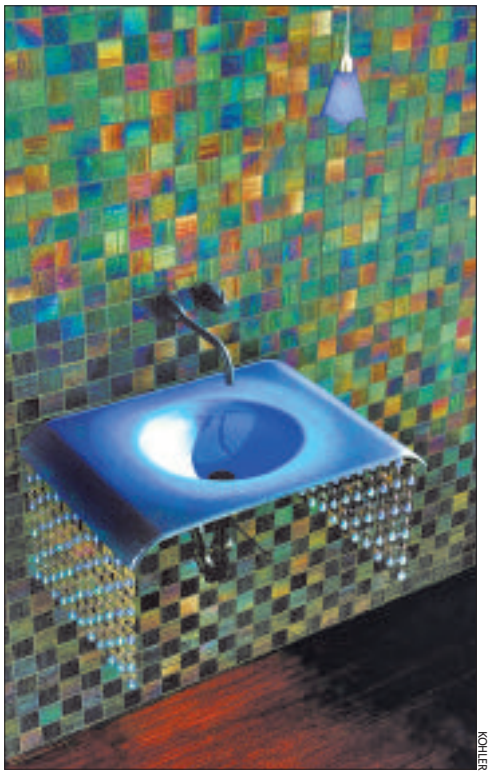
Here is also the place where you can experiment with expensive finishes as well, since furnishing a small place is going to cost you far less than it would cost to furnish a larger space.

You have a lot of latitude — just be careful to use colours that are complementary to the colours in your house.

Remember that a powder room is also a room that guests see, and it should contain a few splurges, since it is a room that reflects on your hospitality and is also a great place to show off your own unique sense of style.

The biggest design impact can often come from the walls and ceiling in such a space.

Walls and sometimes ceilings can be painted with decorative treatments, such as glazing or other paint effects. Many people also choose bright, jewel-like tones, or deep, regal colours such as wine red, deep purple or chocolate brown. These saturated tones can be stunning!



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Above and right, these Moxie wall-mount lavatories by Kohler illustrate the dramatic statement that can be made with powder room sinks. Above right, bold paint makes an instant impact even in a small powder room.

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« Since this room does not get wet in the same way as a steamy bathroom with a shower or bath, powder rooms can use finishes that would not normally be recommended for wet rooms, such as fabric finish wallpaper. »

Dramatic wallpaper is also making a big comeback in powder rooms. Since this room does not get wet in the same way as a steamy bathroom with a shower or bath, powder rooms can use finishes that would not normally be recommended for wet rooms, such as fabric finish wallpaper, for example.

Consider using it on the ceiling as well. Since this room should be impressive, do plan to spend a little more for an attractive appearance — a great sink and faucet are important because these features tend to be the focal point in a powder room.

A countertop, if there is one, should be elegant — look for shiny finishes.

And the cabinet, if there is one, should look decorative rather than strictly utilitarian-looking.

Consider an antique dresser or a buffet that spans a wall — this more formal look is simply smashing. Also consider crown moulding of between 3 and 5 inches, and a thick baseboard of up to 8 inches — they'll add weight and an air of formality.

A beautiful mirror and gorgeous lighting is also a worthwhile investment in a powder room —again, the scale is small, so exquisite finishes become possible.

Most of all, don't crowd an already small space with objects that stick out such as shelving, racks or baskets.

If possible, recess these into the wall. Keep personal objects to a minimum.

If the space is really tight, consider a pedestal or a small wall-hung sink to keep things architecturally clean. To add a touch of softness, add thick, luxurious towels, and fragrant hand cream, alongside attractive hard soaps.

And don't forget a hook for a guest's sweater, and a tiny counter space — if possible — for a purse.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network. Tammy is an interior decorator. Jeffrey designs home furnishings and bedding through his company Jeffrey Fisher Home.

food

Silicone brushes, mitts and bottle top basters are heat resistant and safe for barbecue use up to 500°F so you can use them to brush sauce on hot food without burning or melting the brush. For tips and recipes, visit *grillpro.com* or *theperfectsteak.com*.

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Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay quotes:

1. "I have a very assertive way. It's wake up, move your ass, or piss off home."
2. "There are huge numbers of young women out there who know how to mix cocktails but can't cook to save their lives, whereas men are finding their way into the kitchen in ever-growing numbers."
3. "The problem with Yanks is they are wimps."
4. "Swearing is industry language. For as long as we're alive it's not going to change. You've got to be boisterous to get results."
5. "I hid myself in food."

— allgreatquotes.com

Grilling's a personal thing

BBQ guru says experimentation key to success

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Ottawa

Whether you're baking, pan-frying or grilling a chunk of sirloin steak on the barbecue, the spices and flavours you add to your meal ultimately depends on your taste buds.

Award-winning chef and food entertainer Ted Reader says barbecuing is a personal thing — what type of sauces or spice you use is up to you.

Ted Reader

"You need to develop your own flavors — but that being said, it is better to start easy with spices and sauces and develop your recipe," says Reader. "It is easier to add than take away. Play it safe and make it delicious."

Reader recently launched a new line of products, World Famous BBQ, which features 12 sauces, seasonings and rubs — including Orgasmic Onion, Shirazamataz and Crazy Canuck. "I wanted to share my favourite barbecue sauce recipes with everyone who loves to grill and barbecue. These are favorites of mine that I have created and developed over the years," he says. "Looking at the current market place and the number of barbecue sauces that are available, I wanted to create a line up of products that were more than just tomato-based."

So how much sauce or seasoning is too much? Is less really more? Reader says the best way to know what's going to work for you is by experimenting. Shirazamataz is good for steaks and lamb, Crazy Canuck for ribs and chicken but it can also go great with seafood and veal.

"Play, experiment and have fun. I provide the flavour tools and you use your imagination to create delicious easy meals," says Reader. "Just because there is an open flame does not make the food cook any faster. Take it easy and have patience."

Chicken thighs with Wasabi teriyaki glaze

INGREDIENTS:
Napoleon® Tumble Basket
12 skin-on bone-in chicken thighs 12
2 tbsp Rib and Chicken BBQ Seasoning and Rub 30 mL (see recipe from the Napoleon's Everyday Gourmet Grilling book, page 17)
WASABI TERIYAKI GLAZE:
2 tbsp vegetable oil 30 mL
1 tsp toasted sesame oil 5 mL
4 garlic, minced 4
1 tbsp finely chopped peeled fresh ginger 15 mL
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar 60 mL
1/4 cup rice vinegar 60 mL
1/2 cup Mango Barbecue Sauce 125 mL (see recipe, page 50)
1/4 cup soy sauce 60 mL
1/4 cup water 60 mL
1 tbsp prepared horseradish 15 mL
1 tsp wasabi powder 5 mL
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup toasted sesame seeds 60 mL
1/2 cup pickled ginger 125 mL

METHOD:
Sprinkle the chicken thighs with the Rib and Chicken BBQ Seasoning and Rub, patting onto the meat and under the skin.

WASABI TERIYAKI GLAZE:
In a medium saucepan, heat the vegetable oil and sesame oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the garlic and ginger for 3 to 4 minutes, until tender and fragrant. Stir in the brown sugar, vinegar, Mango Barbecue Sauce, soy sauce, and water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes.
Remove from heat and whisk in horseradish and wasabi. Let cool.
Preheat grill to high (500ºF/260ºC). Place thighs in the tumble basket and secure basket to the rotisserie rod as per the manufacturer's instructions. Set the rod on the barbecue, taking care to make sure the basket is firmly held. Place a foil pan directly under the basket to collect drippings. Close the lid and allow chicken thighs to sear over the high heat for 8 to 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-high (450ºF/230ºC) and continue cooking for 20 to 30 minutes, basting every 10 to 15 minutes with the glazing sauce. When the thighs are fully cooked, juices will run clear and a meat thermometer will register 165ºF (74ºC). Take care to avoid contact with the bone when checking temperature.

Remove thighs carefully from the basket — they'll be very hot. Place on a serving platter and baste once more with the glazing sauce.
Serve sprinkled with the toasted sesame seeds and pickled ginger and more sauce on the side.

FROM THE NAPOLEON'S EVERYDAY GOURMET GRILLING BOOK

Feenie loves family comfort foods

Rob Feenie is one of Canada's most acclaimed chefs. Chef Feenie has published three cookbooks, and was the first Canadian to win on Iron Chef America.

Q What is your fondest memory from your family kitchen?

A Every Sunday night at my house growing up my mom did a roast. I loved everything about Sunday night dinner — the taste, smell and sense of family.

Q What is your favourite food to cook?

A I enjoy making comfort foods that appeal to my family. There are so many favourite dishes; home-made pastas, soups and roasts of all sorts, but especially chicken and prime rib.

Rob Feenie is one of Canada's most acclaimed chefs.

Q Do you use cookbooks?

A I read and use cookbooks all the time. Right now my favourite is Mario Batali's (Italian American chef, restaurateur, TV host) book Babbo.

Q How did the first meal you prepared turn out?

A The first meal I made alone was a disaster, thankfully my family forgave me and let me try again.

Q What kitchen gadgets can you not live without?

A I need to have my over-sized wood cutting board, a high quality whisk and a few good Japanese knives.

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Crab ravioli with black truffle beurre blanc

This recipe, from the book Feenie's: Brunch, Lunch, Dinner, is one of the dishes prepared on Iron Chef America — it was a hit with all the judges. Please visit *metronews.ca* for the complete recipe.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JOHN SHERLOCK

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In Brief

» **CHARITY** It's a winning recipe to stop violence against women. Between June 1-15, 2008 Canadians from coast to coast can enjoy a night out while helping to build a safer world for women by joining Amnesty International's Taste for Justice. For these two weeks, participating Taste for Justice restaurants and other food-based businesses are donating part proceeds towards Amnesty's human rights research and campaigns. To find Taste for Justice restaurants near you, visit *tasteforjustice.ca* and click on Dine Out, or call 1-800-AMNESTY (1-800-266-3789).

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Sabrina, The Teenage Witch star Caroline Rhea and her longtime boyfriend, Costaki Economopoulos, are expecting their first child, People.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

New generation of gaming

Wii Fit aims to bring families together

By **DARREN KRAUSE**
for Metro Ottawa

It was 9 p.m. last Sunday night; my girlfriend just returned home from an exhaustive hour of lacrosse.

With a quick glance and forced smile, I acknowledge her arrival and then fix my eyes back on Sonic And The Secret Rings, a game on my new Wii — a game system I stood in line 30 minutes to buy on a recent rainy Saturday morning at a Toys 'R Us in Calgary with my eight-year-old son ... two years after the first Wii system was launched in Canada.

"Let's play (Mario and Sonic At The) Olympics," she said. "I want to get better at it."

A nirvana sought since I was a pre-pubescent boy had now arrived — I had found a mate to share in my joy of video games.

The next question was: Why Wii and not the two Xboxes we have in the house?

Simple, according to Matt Ryan, spokesperson for Nintendo Canada — they've catered to "mom."

"(Nintendo) knows that mom makes a lot of decisions on what the family does for fun, what the family does to keep themselves together, and to play together," said Ryan.

"Nintendo needs to market its products to women in order to tap into that Chief Household Officer."

Funny thing is, my partner only rubber-stamped the Wii purchase once I proved the entire family could actively participate.

It's also why 34-year-old Calgary mom of two, Natalie Young, picked up a Wii last Christmas, and why she's bounced between sold-out stores to find Nintendo's recently released and elusive Wii Fit.

"I wanted the Wii Fit for myself because in my busy schedule with two kids it's hard to get out and exercise. With the Wii Fit I could do it at home and even get the kids involved, too."

Physical activity is one of the catalysts for Wii's recent domination of the gaming market. In Canada last year, the Nintendo Wii and portable DS system have outsold all other gaming platforms combined.

"Women seemed to really embrace the idea of having a video-game experience that was not only fun, but was also involved in physical activity," Ryan said, noting that the violent, sedentary and anti-social have been the stigma attached to video gaming that Nintendo wanted to dispel.

The goal was to make gaming inviting to everyone from 5 to 95 and create a larger video-gaming market with women a large part of that new market — and they've done it.

The fact my partner and I have played our new Wii every night since its purchase (and a plan to get a Wii Fit when budget allows), is evidence enough for me.

Like I said ... nirvana.

Wii Fit brings exercise into the home

Wii Fit
Publisher: Nintendo
Platforms: Wii
Rating: E — Everyone
Game type: Sports
Rating: ** (out of five)**

GAME ON
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»What's the premise?

Step on to the new Wii Balance Board and have some fun getting healthier through a series of activities and exercises divided up into four main areas: Yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. Burn some calories, improve your balance and get a little stronger doing everything from a Sun Salutation to tightrope walking to ski jumping and more.

A Wii Balance board

»This game is most similar to...?

The use of the innovative Balance Board makes this one all its own.

»Is it suitable for younger gamers?

My five-year-old took Wii Fit for a spin and he liked some of the aerobic activities like stepping and balance games like heading soccer balls and using the hula-hoop. As is often the case with the Wii, it's nice to see kids up and moving around while gaming.

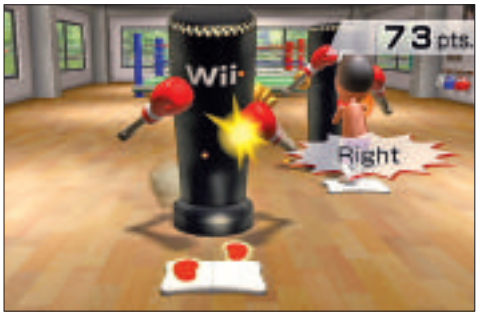
»One player or more?

More than one person can have a Wii Fit profile and benefit from some daily training, however the only two-player element that was evident in hours of reviewing was jogging which only requires a pair of Wii-motes.

»The (not-so) secret to success is...?

Don't get discouraged. Try not to hurl the board out your window when it tells you you've got the fitness age of a much older person or that your balance is so bad you ought to be walking into walls.

»What's missing?



Wii Fit and the Wii Balance Board will make you break a sweat in many of the activities offered.

Gatorade and a towel. If you earnestly try at most of the activities in Wii Fit, you'll break a sweat and get your heart pumping.

»And in the end?

Wii Fit is a refreshing change from everyday gaming with real potential for health benefits and the new Balance Board is a superb new gaming peripheral full of potential.

For more video game reviews, check out the Game On column at metronews.ca.

BY *THE NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR ANN BRASHARES

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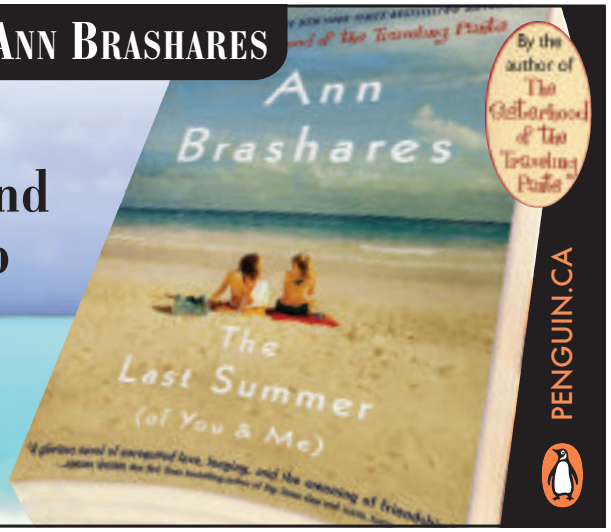

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Actor Gary Dourdan, left, pleaded guilty to counts of cocaine and ecstasy possession during his arraignment yesterday in Indio, Calif. "As a result of today's proceedings, Gary has been given diversion (a drug treatment program)," his lawyer, Shawn Chapman Holley, said. PEOPLE.COM

Alanis grows up

By **TALIA SOGHOMONIAN**
Metro World News

Ottawa native Alanis Morissette is an older and wiser version of the angry rock chick that swept the music charts by storm 12 years ago when her debut album Jagged Little Pill was released.

On her ever-winding path to self-discovery, she seems to have found a few pieces in her latest venture, Flavors Of Entanglement (Warner), produced and co-written by Guy Sigsworth. The result is a haunting mélange of rock and Eastern sounds, electronics and strings.

Singer, songwriter, actress and writer, Alanis Morissette offers a narrative of her life and thoughts, minus the irony of her younger years.

Q You've got a lot of new sounds with an Eastern resonance and strings.

A I've always leaned toward the scale. That musical scale is so yummy to me. The primary scale is like the primary colours: yellows and reds. The Eastern scale is like purple and blue. So I like the secondary scale or colours a lot. It's more emotional. To me, anyway.

Q Lyrically, you're less angry and it's more about recounting your experiences and sharing your thoughts. Was it a more cathartic album to write?

A It was ... It was like a life raft because I was in the middle of it – it was all done in real time – while I was writing it, which is a different experience than writing in retrospect.

Q In what way?

A There's an urgency to it and to be honest, if I was home sitting in a corner curled up in a ball, I would have been going crazy. So thankfully, I had to be somewhere at one o'clock every day. That helped!

Q Will you ever write a book?

A I'm writing a book. The outline's already been done. It's got photos and essays and articles that I've written: self-care practices and humor and a travelogue.

Q When will it be published?

A I think when I'm done touring for this record, I'll really focus on it and finish it. So I would say late next year or the following year.

Q You sing about being a citizen of the planet. Are you?

A I lived in Germany as a kid and travelled a lot around Europe and went to Morocco when I was five. My parents would take me to see flamenco dancers in Spain. So I grew up seeing all these different beautiful cultures.

Q Is acting something you want to pursue more seriously?

A I would definitely do more of it. I don't know why I don't do more. I have these great opportunities all the time to do it. I like to write, sitting in one of my rooms or in the studio. It's so personal, I'm so viscerally attached to it. When it's someone else's vision, I can definitely support the vision, but if it requires a year's worth of my time to support someone else's vision, it's hard.

Alanis Morissette's new disc, Flavors Of Entanglement, is scheduled to be released June 10.

television

D'Arcy signs up for sci-fi lead role

CASTING Actor James D'Arcy will play the lead role in Virtuality, Fox's two-hour back-door pilot from Battlestar Galactica mastermind Ronald D. Moore.

The sci-fi project is set aboard the Phaeton, Earth's first starship, on a 10-year journey to explore a distant solar system.

D'Arcy (Churchill At War) will play the ship's psych officer.

REUTERS

Surviving Doors plan documentary

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Val Kilmer starred as the Doors front man Jim Morrison in Oliver Stone's The Doors.

The surviving members of the Doors plan to release a documentary film in about six months, a project that former member Ray Manzarek describes as "the anti-Oliver Stone" film.

The keyboardist has long been upset about Stone's 1991 biopic The Doors, which starred Val Kilmer as ill-fated front man Jim Morrison. Manzarek argued that the film made the rock band look too serious.

He said he saw a first cut of the untitled documentary recently, but declined to go into detail about the content other than to confirm it would feature a large amount of rare footage.

"Absolutely — that's the whole point of it. Never before seen! This is the anti-Oliver Stone. This will be the true story of the Doors."

Already out is a Classic Albums DVD that dissects the Doors' self-titled 1967 debut, which features their best-known song Light My Fire.

"Everybody's there — (drummer John) Densmore, Manzarek, (guitarist Robbie) Krieger, (road manager) Bill Siddons, (engineer) Bruce Botnick. It's very insightful," Manzarek said. Also interviewed for the DVD are longtime Doors fans Henry Rollins and Perry Farrell.

Another just-issued Doors release is the 16-track live CD, Live In Pittsburgh 1970, via Rhino. Recorded on May 7, 1970, the album captures the group during its final U.S. tour with Morrison.

Manzarek is getting ready for a European tour in July as part of Riders On The Storm, a group that also features Krieger and former Fuel singer Brett Scallions.

The keyboardist also recently issued a collaborative CD with guitarist Roy Rogers, Ballads Before The Rain, via Friday Music.

"It's all-instrumental — me playing the piano, and Roy playing some absolutely beautiful guitar." REUTERS

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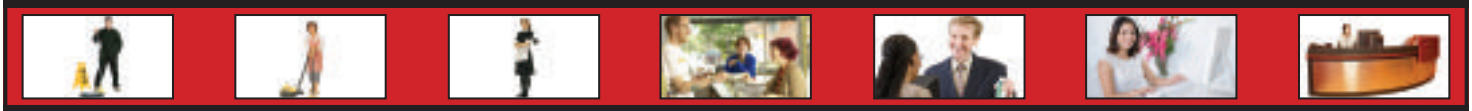

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Girl looks at teens' dark sides

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CTV PHOTO
Leighton Meester stars as Blair in Gossip Girl.

It seems the dethroned queen bee Blair Waldorf is back in school, giving Manhattan prep-school teens a lot to talk about this semester.

Gossip Girl is back on CTV with Part 2 of Season 1 featuring five new episodes, the first hitting TV sets across the country tomorrow night.

Based on the best-selling series of young-adult novels by Cecily von Ziegesar, Gossip Girl is an hour-long drama surrounding the lives of privileged prep-school kids.

Being a teen in today's day and age isn't exactly the way it used to be 10 or 15 years ago. It has a lot more to do with fitting in and being popular — who has the newest handbag by Prada or Dolce and Gabbana, who is wearing the latest summer fashions from Aritzia, or who's sporting a trendy pair of Diesel or Lacoste shoes.

From fashion to music to food — times are changing so fast it's hard to keep up. And gone are the days of brown paper-bagging it. Today's kids have to eat out — it could be a fast-food joint or something a little more upscale like sushi. Whatever it takes to fit in.

That's the premise of Gossip Girl. A bunch of teens all trying to find their own niche, whether it's being a part of the popular snobby girls' club or the nose-stuck-in-a-book kind. They're trying to find their own way.

We learn during the first part of the season that these students get all their latest gossip from the blog of the all-knowing ultra secretive Gossip Girl. No one knows who this Gossip Girl is since she's done such a fabulous job at keeping her identity under wraps. But everyone in this exclusive and complex clique relies on her website and text messages for all the juicy rumours.

Now keeping track of what's happening in all of these people's lives isn't easy, but someone has to keep these wealthy kids in the loop about all the back-stabbing and scandals going on.

At the end of the last episode, Blair couldn't deal with all the rumours floating around about her — she was losing her friends, her boyfriend and who she was, so much so that she decided to leave. You learn quickly how vicious jealous teens can be when they want something you have. Especially the girls.

It doesn't matter what it is, if they want it bad enough, chances are they'll do anything to get it. Like in this week's episode, The Blair Bitch Project, Blair musters up the strength to return to school, and to try and climb back to the top of her "in-crowd" where the not-so-rich Jenny has taken a seat.

Meanwhile, siblings Serena and Eric get used to their blended families living together while their mom prepares to marry Chuck's father.

Sandy Caetano covers reality shows and has interviewed stars like Leanne Rimes, Lionel Richie, Paul Anka, Good Charlotte and more.

Cruise remembers Pollack

Tom Cruise has paid tribute to The Firm director Sydney Pollack, admitting he will "miss him dearly," imdb.com reports.

Pollack died aged 73 on Monday, after a nine-month battle with cancer at his home in Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles.

Cruise

And Cruise, who worked with the director/actor on 1993's The Firm and Eyes Wide Shut in 1998, remembers the star as an "unpretentious" man.

He says, "Throughout the years, unpretentious and never condescending, he shared with me what he loved about family, storytelling, food, flying and a great bottle of vino (wine)."

Cruise also looks back fondly on their first meeting, when Pollack patiently answered an up-and-coming Cruise's eager questions for six hours, even though he was busy editing his comedy classic Tootsie.

"I first met him while he was in the midst of editing Tootsie. I'd seen every one of his pictures and he generously took the meeting," Cruise said. "He was a Renaissance man and a great friend. I will miss him dearly."

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music

Coldplay to make Guitar Hero debut

GAMING Coldplay is tuning into a video-game console near you, ew.com reports.

"Violet Hill is the first Coldplay song to be put on Guitar Hero," front man Chris Martin said.

The downloadable track will be part of a publicity rollout for Coldplay's new album, Viva La Vida, out June 17.

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STEP BY STEP

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• If you win $5,000 or more, an OLG representative will call the retail location immediately to speak to you and provide further instructions.

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It's not just a game to us.

A Chinese cinema chain says it will boycott Sharon Stone, left, movies following her comments last Thursday at Cannes that linked the country's disastrous May 12 earthquake to "karma" and China's treatment of ethnic Tibetans. EW.COM

Body, facial hair battle made easy

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Bargains at Smart Set

SHOPPERS KEEN to freshen up their look to match the gentler temperatures, should scoot over to **Smart Set** where lots of cute tops, denims, cropped spring jackets and more await frugalistas on the sale racks. FF's faves: cross-front rayon blouses with fluttery sleeves in tourquoise or plum for just $14.99 each (reg. $34). But: do check out the new arrivals as well, particularly the dresses — most priced under $60. Halter styles, smock dresses, retro prints and strapless frocks that are chic enough to be worn to the office or even a wedding reception. If cottage essentials are more your speed, score a top and shorts for just $40 from a varied selection.

Suzy Shier Deals

THIS NATIONAL chain has lots to offer this season, including sundresses tagged at from just $25 each in bold prints and sweet florals. Some of the super-deals await frugalistas on the sale racks where shoppers on a budget can save half off most already reduced merchandise – just look for the red stickers. Various tops and bottoms (tanks, blouses, skirts, pants, etc.) starting as low as $3.97! Also check some of the exclusive deals online, if you'd rather shop from home: *www.suzyshier.com.*

Beauty Duty: New Veet

NOW THAT the weather's a bit more inspiring, it's your official cue to deal with any body or facial hair challenges. Whether you're keen on smooth legs without going to the salon or a more defined brow you can groom yourself at home, definitely investigate the latest collection of waxes and hair removal creams from Veet. Less messy, harsh and stinky than past incarnations, the new line of precision products incorporate natural ingredients that still manage to get the job done in a snap. FF's fave: **Veet's Hair Removal Cream Pump** ($16.99) – keep it in the shower for easy use and never worry about looking beastly again. Available in Lily scent, Shea Butter or Aloe Vera/Vitamin E formulas for sensitive skin.

Deal with difficult body hair with ease by using a FF's favourite: Veet's Hair Removal Cream Pump, $16.99.

Clinique Bonus Time

IT'S DEFINITELY a good time to treat yourself to some spanking new skincare or make-up products — new season, new regime and or palette they say. A nice incentive is the Clinque Bonus now on offer at **Holt Renfrew** (through to the end of the weekend, while supplies last). Spend $35 before tax, and you'll snag a supercute pop art floral print cosmetic bag and mini tote stuffed with freebies valued at over $100. Notable contents include a full-size lipstick and eye shadow, liquid facial soap and an eye make-up remover. However, the real treat are girly bags — great for a weekend getaway or to carry your essentials in your purse or desk drawer.

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This season's American Idol champ, David Cook, right, has told TV show Extra that he is dating second season alum Kimberly Caldwell. Cook asked her out on the U.S. TV Guide Network. PEOPLE.COM

reality show

MTV cashes in on T.I.'s legal woes

T.I.

MUSIC MTV has ordered eight episodes of a reality show focused on rapper T.I. doing community service ahead of his one-year prison sentence, which he will start serving in the spring of 2009, ew.com reports.

The series has already captured T.I.'s release from house arrest and will begin shooting full-time this summer as he performs his 1,000 hours of community service. The show will also chronicle the release of his new album, Paper Trail, and the birth of his first child, and will likely air soon after T.I. goes to jail.

gold rush

McConaughey's brother gets show

CASTING A new McConaughey may soon be ruling the Hollywood roost, E! News Online reports.

While Matthew McConaughey had Fool's Gold, older brother Rooster — his birth certificate says Michael Patrick — will have Black Gold, a new truTV reality show from the producers of Deadliest Catch.

The series, which begins June 18, chronicles men working one of the most dangerous jobs in the world — the race to find oil in Texas. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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In Brief

» **SPECIAL** ABC, CBS and NBC will air a live primetime special Sept. 5 to raise money for cancer research. The hourlong Stand Up to Cancer will air commercial-free, with performances and appearances by actors and news anchors. REUTERS

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Actors could be next to strike

STRUCK DUMB: THE SEQUEL: Pretty much the worst thing that could happen to the TV industry right now is another strike of key talent, but just such a catastrophe has been looming since before the writers effectively shot the kneecaps out of the 2007-08 season with their winterlong walkout. The pair of unions that represent Hollywood's acting talent have been mumbling about a strike for months now, sounding not unlike the guy in Office Space who threatened to burn the office down if he doesn't get his stapler back. According to a story in yesterday's USA Today, the lesser of the two unions — the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists — has reached a tentative deal with the representatives of the producers, the sticking point being the same one that flared up into the writers' strike: fees for streamed and downloaded Internet content.

The deal affects "a handful of prime-time TV shows such as Curb Your Enthusiasm" and "will last through June 2011 if it is approved AFTRA's national board and ratified by members." While I'm glad that Larry David is clear to work through into the next decade, the fact that this was the biggest show that AFTRA could claim success for gives you some idea how important restarting negotiations with the Screen Actors Guild are if a strike turns fall 2008 into the season where everyone breaks down and buys a Blu-ray player.

IDIOT BOX

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After the rich, velvety goodness that was the writers' strike, I'm anticipating another body blow to primetime with an avidity that verges on indecent. The sclerotic business television business model has to crumble sooner or later, but it'll get on with it a bit more sharpish with a little of what management guru types call "creative destruction." The best case scenario is that business as usual will be postponed so long that Fox will have to cast the children of the current stars of 24 to paper over the show's long hiatus, while selling the show as a bulk-purchase download — the full season for just 24 bucks

YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK? The New York Times reported yesterday that TiVo — still struggling for market share even though its very name has become a verb — has struck a deal with the Chicago Tribune that will allow subscribers to access the recommendations of the paper's TV critic, Maureen Ryan, and have their machine automatically download them. The service will only be available for the roughly 100,000 TiVo subscribers in the Chicago area, and the managing editor of the paper wistfully opined that "maybe we'll get a few people to do the unthinkable and subscribe to the newspaper."

Hell, I'm willing to offer the same basic service without a TiVo subscription — or even the use of a PVR. Just to get you started: a) turn off your TV; b) crack open a beer; c) practise your tuba playing on the front lawn; d) chuck rocks at the neighbours' kids; e) the beer thing again; f) recite loudly from dirty limerick book in comical accents; g) beer thing; h) do not resist arrest. There — a whole evening killed, and commercial-free, to boot!

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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critics'corner

Lost
Crank up the DVR, or prepare for a long evening in front of the tube. The season finale, which finds the survivors and the "freighter people" getting ready to rumble, clocks in at a whopping three hours. But for those who weathered the long wait for the show's return, it'll be worth it, at least in terms of drama. Matthew Fox and Jorge Garcia star in "There's No Place Like Home." 8 PM on 20 ABC

Mark Williams' Big Bangs
Mark Williams ends his limited series with, well, a big bang. He's made it to the modern history of explosives, and to help viewers understand his passion, he joins some British commandos on a mission. Also, Williams visits the atom bomb test site in New Mexico and participates in a special effects explosion inside the Arctic Circle. 9 PM on 56 OLN

celebritybuzz

Presidential wedding

Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi may have just found the ideal site for their upcoming nuptials: U.S. President George W. Bush's Texas ranch.

The U.S. talk show host was interviewing the president's newly-married daughter, Jenna Hager (nee Bush), when Jenna showed off a picture of the ceremony, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

Ellen said: "So, the ranch was a great place to get married – it looked like nobody could fly over and get pictures or bother you, really! So, can Portia and I borrow it for our wedding? Can we get the ranch?"

Sitting next to her mother Laura Bush, Jenna laughed and replied: "Sure!"

Ellen and Portia's nuptials are set to be a star-studded affair.

SexyBack star Justin Timberlake recently offered to pen a song for the ceremony.

Appearing on Ellen's show, Justin said: "You should have an original wedding song – I think it's only fitting. Write down everything you want to say to Portia and Portia write down everything you want to say to Ellen and I'll put it to music and it will be amazing!"

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Witherspoon's Jake ultimatum

Reese Witherspoon refuses to move in with Jake Gyllenhaal until they get married, femalefirst.co.uk reports

The Oscar-winning actress and the Brokeback Mountain star recently splashed out on a $7-million Californian mansion together but Reese wants them to tie the knot before they live together.

A source close to the actress – who has two children, Ava, eight, and four-year-old Deacon, with ex-husband Ryan Phillippe – said: "Reese doesn't want to live with Jake until they're married. She has very traditional values.

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Lowe drops chef lawsuit

Actor Rob Lowe has dropped a lawsuit filed against his former chef – after he reportedly agreed to provide information on two former nannies who have accused the star of sexual harassment, imdb.com reports.

Former child-minders Jessica Gibson and Laura Boyce filed the lawsuits against Lowe in April. Gibson alleged Lowe touched her inappropriately on several occasions between September 2005 and January 2008, while Boyce is also suing for wrongful termination – accusations both the actor and his wife Sheryl have denied.

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Jackson covers up

Michael Jackson made a rare public appearance at an Ultimate Fighting Championship match in Las Vegas on Saturday – wearing his trademark veil, imdb.com reports.

The star – who is rumored to be in talks for a spectacular show in the gambling mecca – appeared at the MGM Grand hotel for the fight wearing a black veil, with only a thin gap for his eyes, which were covered by dark glasses.

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Ifans denies summer wedding

Welsh actor Rhys Ifans has denied rumors he is set to marry his fiancée Sienna Miller in a summer ceremony this year, imdb.com reports.

The couple was reportedly preparing to wed in August – a year after Miller rejected his first proposal, when the Notting Hill star asked for her hand in marriage by sending her a cryptic message in Welsh, which read: "Marry The Misfit."

The Factory Girl star said no for the second time when Ifans asked again at her 26th birthday party in December – but she finally agreed to marry him on his third attempt in March.

Reports have since been rife that the couple is planning a low-key celebration in the coming months, but Ifans has dismissed the claims.

He tells Britain's Closer magazine, "I'm not marrying Sienna this summer. I'm taking a break at the moment and just want to chill out."

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Dunst battled depression in rehab

Actress Kirsten Dunst has blasted reports she checked into rehab to tackle substance abuse issues, explaining she was depressed, imdb.com reports.

In her first interview since entering a Utah treatment center last year, the Marie Antoinette star insists she spent six months trying to conquer the blues but eventually realized she needed help.

She tells E! News, "I didn't go to Cirque Lodge for alcohol abuse or drug abuse. I went there for depression. It was a good six months before I decided to go away. I was struggling, and I had the opportunity to go somewhere and take care of myself. I was fortunate to have the resources to do it. My friends and family thought it was a good idea, too. But I didn't know where to go. My doctor recommended Cirque Lodge."

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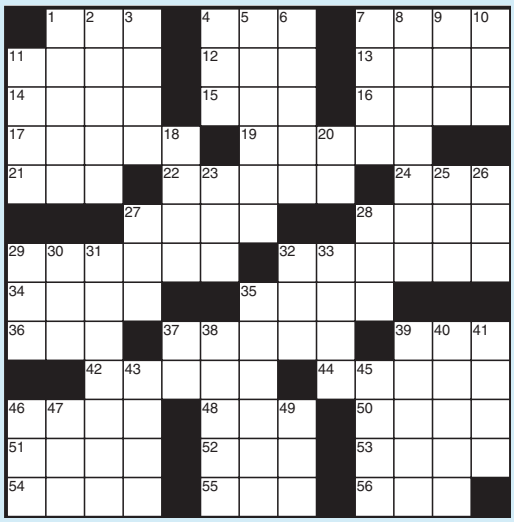

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES | March 21-April 20
Your ability to find happiness needs some fine-tuning. Speak lovingly to a special person. Be more rational with a needy person.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A young man will cause problems. Everything will return to normal soon. A coward will shock everyone by taking action.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Be ready for some frustrating conversations. You'll have to use your ability to understand motives. You'll decide to test an absurd notion.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
You'll be forced to set boundaries. Nobody will be very happy about a big mistake. Make plans to reach out to a friend.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
You're able to relax with a member of the opposite sex. Have a good laugh about silliness. A mischief maker asks for help.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Love will bloom for an older female. Tone down your approach to a joker. Someone will back you up in a fresh scheme.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Someone precious asks you for a favour. Making a graceful exit will be the best choice. Depression comes from having extra work.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A new schedule will make people uncomfortable. Ask a bureaucrat some serious questions. Avoid having too many drastic ideas.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Don't push anyone around in order to get ahead. Seek a miracle by taking responsibility. A woman will heed your call.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A pleasant meeting will cheer you. You'll have to work with a team to get a job done. Rules will inhibit the resolution of your desires.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A suspicious man will give you the benefit of a doubt. Get ready to shake things up. You can implement your secret plan.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
A woman will say something about love. Acknowledge an error. A collaborator will appear at the right time.

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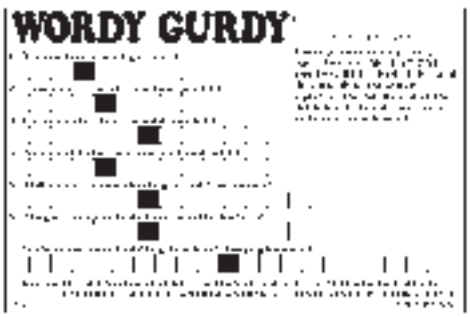
WORDY GURDY



5		7	1		9			
8					6	9		
	9				2		3	
	3			4				6
	4						9	
6				2			1	
	7		2				4	
		6	8					5
			3		4	7		8

instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

4	1	3	7	8	5	6	9	2
2	6	7	1	9	3	4	8	5
8	5	9	2	4	6	1	7	3
5	4	2	9	1	8	3	6	7
7	8	1	3	6	2	9	5	4
9	3	6	4	5	7	2	1	8
3	2	5	6	7	1	8	4	9
6	9	8	5	3	4	7	2	1
1	7	4	8	2	9	5	3	6

This Day IN HISTORY

May 29, 1733: Right of Canadians to keep Indian slaves upheld at Quebec City.

May 29, 1886: Chemist John Pemberton places his first advertisement for Coca-Cola, the ad appearing in the Atlanta Journal.

May 29, 1919: Einstein's theory of general relativity is tested (later confirmed) by Arthur Eddington's observation of a total solar eclipse in Principe and by Andrew Crommelin in Sobral, Ceará, Brazil.

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Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy. 23°	Clear. 8°	Variable. 21° / 13°	Rain. 70% 18° / 11°	Rain. 60% 18° / 10°

Temperature
Normals
High: 21°
Low: 9.5°

Records
High: 31.7°/1978
Low: 2.6°/1996

Sunrise: 5:19 a.m.
Sunset: 8:41 p.m.
Moonrise: 2:04 a.m.
Moonset: 2:33 p.m.

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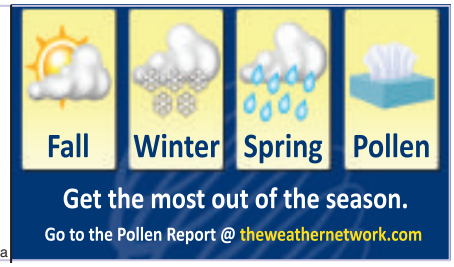

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